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**...the capacity to view things
in their true relations
or relative importance.**



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**Good's
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Bad's**



**Victories
&
Defeats**

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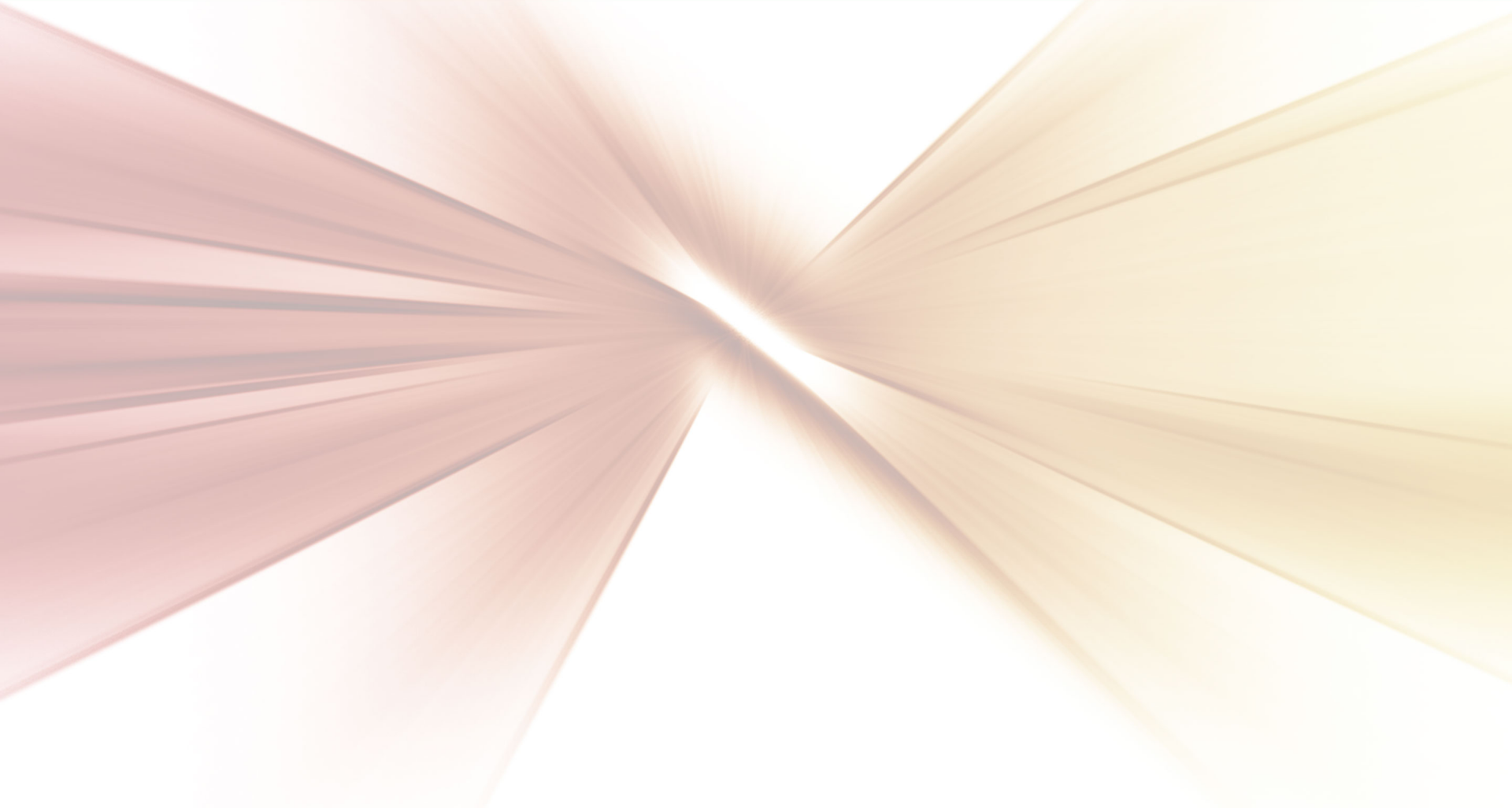
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...some insights that helps us begin to see how things might, should, could, will and do fit together in our lives in light of the sovereign and redemptive purposes of Christ...

**both in eternity
as well as His daily work in our lives
through the truths of His Word
and the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

The Past Several Weeks

**God is not finished with us yet.....
we are a work in progress.**

**God will be faithful to do His part in
transforming our lives...
using the ultimate quality of love...
that in the end will reveal His glory.**

**We are not victims of our circumstances
nor dissuaded by the ill intent of others.**

Last Week

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as a result of
our 'praying' for one another,
and the work of the Holy Spirit.**

This Week

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21 For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**21 If I am to live in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.**

Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

23 I am hard pressed between the two.

**My desire is to depart and be
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27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of
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so that whether I come and see you or am absent,
I may hear of you that you are
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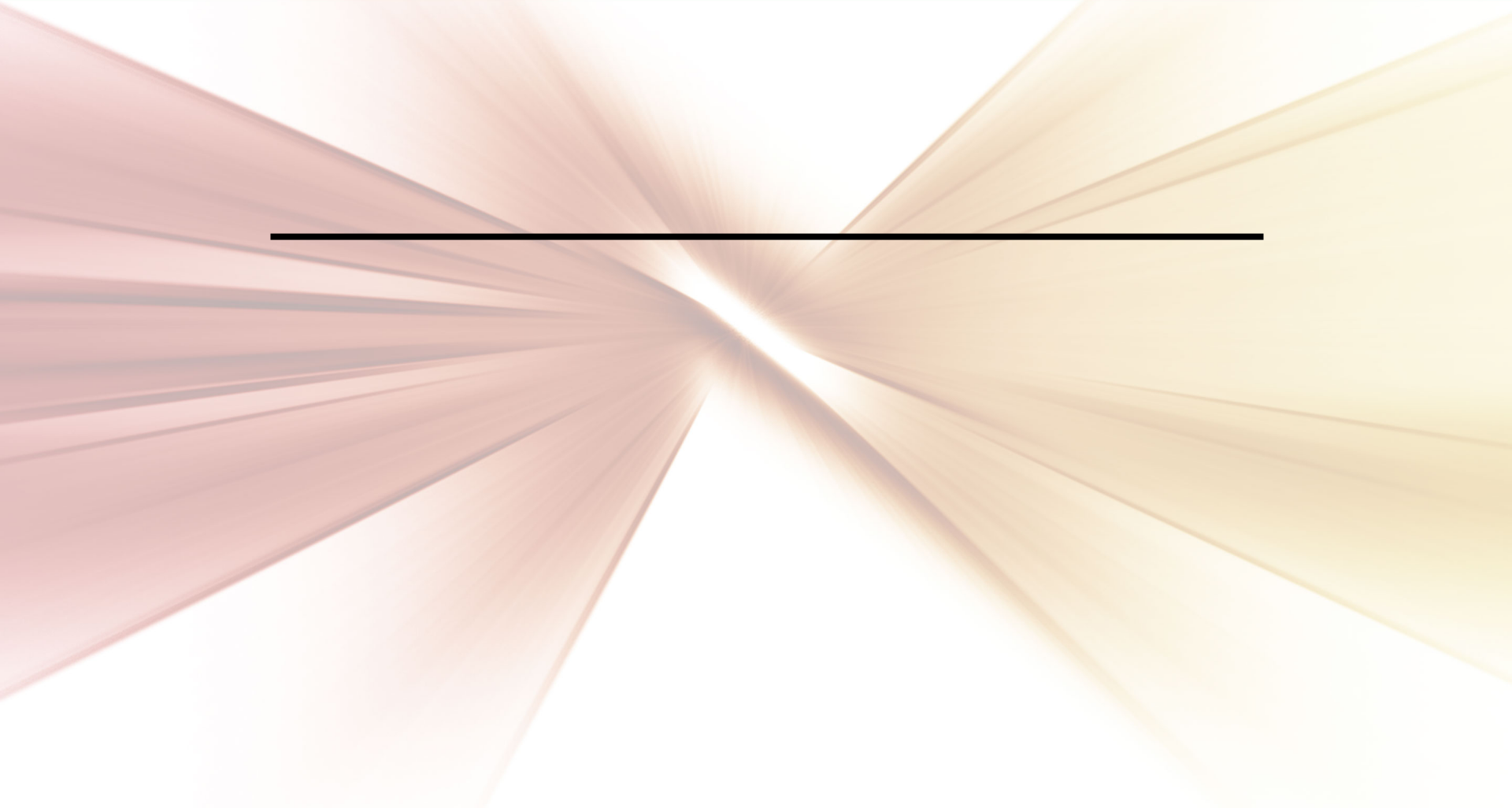
victories and defeats in this life,

Paul believes that God is trustworthy and that He is inclined toward us rather than against us... and that living with that in mind can set our direction and establish our stability even when this world is beyond own ability to control.

Big Idea

**Our lives have
value,
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So.....therefore.....what now?



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**Are you willing to not only believe in Christ
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